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SUBJECT: GDR INITIATIVE ON CURRENCY EXCHANGE REQUIRE-
MENTS REPORTED

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1. RELIABLE SOURCE HAS TOLD US IN STRICT CONFIDENCE
THAT THE GDR HAS AGREED TO EXEMPT OLD-AGE PENSIONERS
FROM THE OBLIGATORY CURRENCY EXCHANGE REQUIREMENTS FOR
VISITORS TO THE GDR AND EAST BERLIN. THIS AGREEMENT WAS
REPORTEDLY COMMUNICATED TO THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT LAST
WEEK. SOURCE SAID THAT THE GDR HAD ORIGINALLY PLANNED TO
INCLUDE THIS CONCESSION IN THE OCTOBER 26 ANNOUNCEMENT
ON CURRENCY EXCHANGE (BERLIN 1969) BUT THAT IT WAS
DROPPED DUE TO A BUREAUCRATIC FOUL-UP (SIC) ON THE GDR SIDE.

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2. ACCORDING TO ANOTHER GOOD SOURCE, THE GDR OFFICIAL BULLETIN WILL REPORTEDLY CARRY THE OCTOBER 26 ANNOUNCEMENT ON NOVEMBER 15, BUT NO WRITTEN WORD ON THE PENSIONERS WILL BE INCLUDED. THE STATEMENT ON PENSIONERS WILL APPARENTLY BE MADE ORALLY. THIS SOMEWHAT CONVOLUTED APPROACH IS BEING TAKEN TO AVOID THE GDR'S LOSING FACE OVER HAVING TO MAKE A FORMAL ANNOUNCEMENT ON PENSIONERS SO SOON AFTER THE OCTOBER 26 STATEMENT.

3. COMMENT. THE PENSIONER ASPECT OF THIS PROBLEM HAS BEEN THE MOST DIFFICULT ONE FOR THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT AND BERLIN SENAT. IT NOW REMAINS TO BE SEEN WHETHER THESE TWO CAN ACCEPT THE GDR OFFER ON PENSIONERS AS ADEQUATE FOR NEGOTIATION OF OTHER ELEMENTS OF FRG-GDR RELATIONS. WITH BERLIN GOVERNING MAYOR SCHUETZ FACING A TOUGH ELECTION NEXT MARCH, HE MAY CONCEIVABLY TRY TO HOLD OUT FOR A GDR RETURN TO THE STATUS QUO ANTE NOVEMBER 1973, I.E., BEFORE THE DOUBLING OF CURRENCY REQUIREMENTS AND THE INCLUSION OF THE PENSIONERS IN THIS SYSTEM.
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